

Some was lost, as your Protest would insinuate, why was I not censured and punished for it when I returned? You, honourable Sir (my Enemy of seven Years Standing) was then in the House. You were appointed on the Committee for examining my Accounts; you reported that you found them just, and signed that Report. I never solicited the Employ of Agent: I made no Bargain for my future Service, when I was ordered to England by the Assembly; nor did they vote me any Salary. I lived there near six Years at my own Expence, and I made no Charge or Demand when I came home. You, Sir, of all others, was the very Member that proposed (for the Honour and Justice of the House) a Compensation to be made me of the Five Thousand Pounds you mention. Was it with an Intent to reproach me thus publicly for accepting it? I thanked the House for it then, and I thank you now for proposing it; Tho' you, who have lived in England, can easily conceive, that besides the Prejudice to my private Affairs by my Absence, a Thousand Pounds more would not have reimbursed me. The Money voted was immediately paid me. But, if I had occasioned the Loss of Six Thousand Pounds to the Province, here was a fair Opportunity of securing easily the greatest Part of it; why was not the Five Thousand Pounds deducted, and the Remainder called for?—The Reason is, This Accusation was not then invented.—Permit me to add, that supposing the whole Eleven Thousand Pounds an Expence occasioned by my Voyage to England, yet the Taxation of the Proprietary Estate now established, will, when valued by Years Purchase, be found in time an Advantage to the Public, far exceeding that Expence. And if the Expence is at present a Burthen, the Odium of it ought to lie on those who, by their Injustice, made the Voyage necessary, and not on me, who only submitted to the Orders of the House, in undertaking it.

I am now to take Leave (perhaps a last Leave) of the Country I love, and in which I have spent the greatest Part of my Life.—ESTO PERPETUA.—I wish every kind of Prosperity to my Friends,—and I forgive my Enemies.

Philadelphia, Nov.
5, 1764.

B. FRANKLIN.

* Report of the Committee on Benjamin Franklin's Accounts.
"In Obedience to the Order of the House, we have examined the Account of Benjamin Franklin, Esq; with the Vouchers to it produced in Support thereof, and do find the same Account to be just, and that he has expended, in the immediate Service of this Province, the Sum of Seven Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, Ten Shillings and Seven-pence, out of the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds Sterling, to him remitted and paid, exclusive of any Allowance or Charge for his Support and Services for the Province.

JOHN MORTON, JOHN HUGHES,
WILLIAM ALLEN, SAMUEL RHODES,
JOHN ROSS, JOHN WILKINSON,
JOHN MOORE, ISAAC PEARSON,

"The House taking the foregoing Report of the Committee of Accounts into Consideration, and having spent some Time therein, RESOLVED,
"That the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Sterling per Ann. be allowed and given to Benjamin Franklin, Esq; late Agent for the Province of Pennsylvania at the Court of Great-Britain, during his Absence of six Years from his Business and Connexions, in the Service of the Public; and that the Thanks of this House be also given to the said Gentleman by Mr. Speaker, from the Chair, as well for the faithful Discharge of his Duty to this Province in particular, as for the many and important Services done America in general, during his Residence in Great-Britain."

"Thursday, March 31, 1763.
"Pursuant to a Resolves of the Nineteenth of last Month, that the Thanks of this House be given to Benjamin Franklin, Esq; for his many Services not only to the Province of Pennsylvania, but to America in general, during his late Agency at the Court of Great-Britain, the same were this Day accordingly given in Form from the Chair.—To which Mr. Franklin, respectfully addressing himself to the Speaker, made Answer, That he was thankful to the House, for the very handsome and generous Allowance they had been pleased to make him for his Services; but that the Approbation of this House was, in his Estimation, far above every other kind of Recompense."

[The PROTEST, to which the foregoing REMARKS are an ANSWER, was published in this GAZETTE, No. 1018.]

LONDON, September 14.

AT the late Hunting-match between the Electors of Mentz and Palatine, besides other Game, there were no less than One Hundred and Four Stags killed within the Space of about three Hours.

Letters from Florence, dated August 16, say, in all Appearance all Communication will be stopped between the Ports of Leghorn and Naples. They deliver no more Letters which come from the latter, although they have submitted to all the Precautions used in the Lazaret.

They write from Brest, that 360 Families embarked the 24th of August last, for the French Settlements of Cayenne in the West-Indies: A considerable Number were also to be shipped off from Port L'Orient in a few Days for the same Place.

It is now said the Benefit accruing to the Revenue from only entering on the Custom and Excise Books the large Quantity of seizable Goods now on the Isle of Man, will amount to a Sum little short of One Hundred Thousand Pounds Sterling.

The Demand of Woollens for the Spanish Trade has, for some Weeks past, been considerably increased—a happy Preface that our Staple Manufactures, when properly encouraged, cannot be

equalled by any other Nation, notwithstanding the most treacherous Practices of France and Holland.

We hear that a Parliamentary Enquiry will be made next Session into the State of the inferior Clergy, and of those who hold Pluralities, with the View of redressing the Hardships the former labour under.

Sept. 17. Letters from Italy, by Saturday's Mails, say, that a Sovereign of that Country (who is not named) is going immediately to abdicate his Dominions in favour of his Son.

The Duke of York, when he was last at Genoa, made a Present of a superb Chariot (built at London) to Miss Angelica Durazzo, with the Arms of that Lady painted thereon; in Return for the very great Attention paid to his Royal Highness by the Durazzo Family.

We are assured that 10,000 Seamen will forthwith be raised, in order to man the Fleet that is now getting ready with all Expedition.

Saturday, about eleven o'Clock, the different Proprietors of the new invented Preservatives against drowning, met at Black-Friars, to convince the Public of the Utility of their Inventions, and after settling some Disputes it was agreed to try them at London-Bridge, at which Time there was a considerable Fall; accordingly, two Men with Cork-Jackets went through erect without using their Arms or Legs, one of them having a drawn Cutlafs in his Hand; then two Men and a Woman with a Mob-cap on and red Ribbands, dressed in air Jackets, went likewise through, and were followed by two Men with the marine Collar and Belt: They continued dancing in the Eddy a considerable Time, to the no small Diversion of Thousands of Spectators, who surrounded them in Boats. One of the Men in an air Jacket presented the Ladies with Apples, regaled himself with Bread and Cheese, and after which he fired a Pistol: These Things were contained in his Cap made on purpose. Upon the whole it was a Droll and not Indecent Sight, they all being in Flannel Shifts and Linen Breeches.

Extract of a Letter from Scarborough, Sept. 11.

"On the 6th Inst. the Freedom of the ancient Corporation of Scarborough was presented to the Rt. Hon. the Marquis of Granby in a Gold Box, as a Proof of their Sense of his glorious Exploits in Germany during the last War; and of their unmerited Obligations to his Lordship for his particular Attachment to that Place. His Lordship, with his accustomed Generosity, gave a grand and splendid Entertainment at Browne's Room, to the Bailiffs and the rest of the Corporation, this Day, at which likewise were present several of the Nobility and Gentry that were at the Spa, to the Number, in all, of about Seventy."

A few Days ago a dead Body was landed at Cadiz, inclosed in a long Skin, nearly resembling that of a Bear. It was found, with several others of the same Kind, in some Caverns in the Canary Islands, where they are supposed to have been buried before the Conquest of those Islands by John Betancourt, a Norman, in 1417, and by Peter de Vera, a Spaniard, in 1483. The Flesh of this Body, though dried, is nevertheless preserved, and is not flexible, but hard as Wood, so that, upon touching the Body, it seems petrified, though it is not. The Features of the Face are very perfect, and appear to be those of a young Man; nor is that, or any other Part of the Body decayed: The Body is no more shrank than if the Person had not been dead above two or three Days, only the Skin appears a little shrivelled. This Body is sent to Madrid to be deposited in the Royal Surgery. The Case in which this Body was placed, had another small Case within it, containing two or three Vases, and a Hand-mill, which were found in the same Cavern; from which it is supposed that it was customary with the old Inhabitants of the Canary Islands to place the Vases in their Burial Places.

CHARLES-TOWN, (South-Carolina,) November 2. The Snow Eagle, James Hutton, Master, that sailed from this Port 22d August last for Antigua, with a Cargo of Lumber, and 71 Barrels of Rice, overfet in the Night of September 8th, in Lat. 28° 44' N. and Long. 65° 30'. The People were 12 Hours on the Bottom of the Vessel before the Boat came up, on board of which they all got. On the 3d Day the Carpenter died, whose Body they eat, after taking out the Entrails. On the 9th Day they cast Lots in the Boat which of them should be killed, for the Sustainance of the Rest, and as they were going to lay hold of the wretched Victim, in order to put him to Death, they observed a Vessel becalmed, which they made for, and found to be a Schooner from South-Key, in

North-Carolina, which carried them into St. Christopher's, September 29th.

ANNAPOLIS, November 21.

Some few Weeks since sail'd from hence, for London, the Brigantine *Bratlers*, Capt. *Morrison*, who struck on the Middle Ground going down the Bay, about VIII o'Clock in an Evening, in bad Weather, and next Morning she beat to Pieces, but the People were all saved.

Tuesday last the Ship *John and Samuel*, Capt. *John Curling*, sail'd from this Place for London.

At the same Time, sail'd the Brig *Darlington*, Capt. *Henry McLachlan*, with whom went Passenger *Alexander Hamilton*, of *Udston*, Esq;

We are desired to acquaint this County, that last Saturday our County Court was adjourned to the first Tuesday in next Month.

ANNAPOLIS, Nov. 22, 1764.

A SMALL CHEST of HYSOON TEA, containing about Seventy Pounds, to be Sold by Wholesale, at a low Advance.

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CHARLES WALLACE, & Co.

Calvert County, Nov. 14, 1764.

RAN away from the Subscriber, an Indented Servant Man named *William Conant*, a stout Fellow, about 25 Years of Age, and much given to Drinking: His Apparel uncertain, but chiefly such as used by Seamen: He has some Relation about *Pig-Point*, and has been sometime past in that Neighbourhood, and may still be lurking about there.

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and secures him in any Jail, shall have a Reward of Twenty Shillings, and reasonable Charges if brought home, paid by (2*) BETTEY WILKINSON.

STOLEN or STRAYED the 18th of September, from Mr. *Samuel Galloway's* Plantation in *Anne-Arundel* County, a middle sized Brown Bay Horse, branded on the near Buttock Y.

Whoever brings him to the Subscriber, living near *Calvert* County Court-House, or gives Intelligence so that he may be had again, shall receive Four Dollars Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by JOHN BARBER.

Charles County, October 29, 1764.

STOLEN out of the Subscriber's Pasture the 12th Instant, a likely Bay Horse about 14 Hands high, with a bob Tail and hanging Mane, has been lately trimmed, a Blemish in his Eye on the left Side, some Marks on his Shoulders, occasioned by drawing in a Chaise, he paces slow and easy, and gallops well; if he has any Brand it's unknown.

Whoever secures the Horse for, or brings to, the Subscriber, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward. THOMAS CONTEE.

THERE is at the Plantation of *William Wells*, Constable, near *Fort-Fredrick*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a Bay Mare about 11 Years old, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock W, and on the off Buttock R T.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Joseph Wells*, near *Potomack* River, *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a large Black Horse, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock HM (joined in a Piece), and hath a Star in his Forehead.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Baltimore County, November 11, 1764.

RAN away last Night from *Northampton* Works, an Irish Convict Servant Man, named *Cornelius Trimble*, a Coach Harness-maker by Trade, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, of a sandy Complexion: Had on & with him, a light coloured close-bodied Coat, red Jacket and Breeches, new white Kersey Breeches, old grey Worsted Stockings, new Negro Shoes, with Straps lately sewed to them, Osnabrigs Shirt, half worn Calico Hat, and brown Cut Wig. He has a large Scar over his Forehead, occasioned by his Scull being fractured, which is therefore very soft. It is supposed he has a forged Pass.

Whoever secures the said Servant, so as his Masters get him again, shall have, if taken Ten Miles from home, 30 Shillings; if out of the County, 3 Pounds; if out of the Province Four Pounds; and reasonable Charges if brought home, paid by

(1*)

CHARLES RIDGELY, & Co.

WHEREAS it hath Excellency the Hon. Esq; Collector of about the 8th Day of Stolen out of, and taken tion House at Vienna on Hogheads and One Barrel by him been seiz'd for the legal Entry: His Excellency that the said Villainy may of the Authors thereof duly Promise his Lordship's Parties concerned therein, or their Accomplice of A Theft, so that he or they may Signed per Order.

FIFTY DOLLAR As a further Encouragement the above Reward of Fifty who shall make a Discovery so that any of the Parties concerned Punishment.

WHEREAS a Letter to Mr. *William W* NAPOLIS, with my Name ous to him, and very preju Any Person who can gi the Author, to the Subscrib to bring him to Justice, a Forgery, shall receive TEN

ANNAPOLIS To be SOLD by the S Ready C

FIFTY-ONE Hoghead Molasses at 10½ Ster will take in Pay, Pistoles at 4½ Sterling. Also good rency per Gallon. (3*)

RAN away from the S Snowden's Iron-Work Day of October last, a Corn named *Mary Brady*, about Face, fresh Colour, black broad Nose, a remarkable M thick set: Had on when she Cotton Gown, full of black mity Ditto, a black Quilted Country Cloth Ditto, a red Shift, English Shoes, Thread dry other Things.

Whoever takes up and l Servant, shall receive Forty S side what the Law allows, (2*)

THERE is at the Plantat Dorsey, on Elk-Ridge, a Bay Mare about 12½ Ha Years old, with a Star in h dock'd nor branded.

The Owner may have h his Property, and paying Ch

CASH for BILLS o Enquire at the PRINT

To be CHARTERED

A SLO 60 just arrived deemed to For Ter HAMMOND of Severn.

RAN away from the Sub October last, a Convict med *Margaret Cane*, a tall brown Hair, dark Complexion the Small-Pox, her little Finge lies in the Palm of her Left H sioned by a Burn when a Child she went away, was a blue Linen ditto, a stamp Cotton ja Check Apron, a Womans old Shift.

Whoever secures the said S shall have SIX DOLLAR brought to the Subscriber, in in Charles County, the above Re ble Charges, paid by BEN N. B. She is fond of Dr Company much, and all Mast forewarned carrying her off at